

# THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN: FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 23, 1888.

## A NUMBER OF BILLS PASSED

BUCH BRANCHES OF CONGRESS DO A QUIET DAY'S WORK.

**Senator Salsbury Talks on the President's Message—The Senate Declares Against Adulterated Food and Drugs—Judiciary Bills in the House.**

Among the bills reported and placed on the calendar in the Senate yesterday were the following:

Senate bill to amend the act for the construction of a bridge across the Anacostia river, District of Columbia.

Senate bill (adversely) to define the rank, duties, &c., of army chaplains.

Senate bill (adversely) to promote the efficiency of the signal service.

Mr. Hale introduced his conference report on the sugar-refined bill.

After the report was read, Mr. Dawes criticized at some length the action of the conference committee in striking out of the bill authority to pay an attorney at Los Angeles, Cal., compensation for his services in defending the interests of the House in its action under a resolution from the Attorney General. He did not blame the Senate conferees, for he knew that they had to submit to pressure on the part of the House conferees. He alluded particularly to the action of the members of the House yesterday in favor of later, and gave notice that if he should have the assent of the Senate this same item would be inserted in every proper appropriation bill.

He said that the laborer is worthy of his hire; but that he shall get it.

Mr. Salsbury addressed the Senate on the subject of the President's annual message.

The Democratic party said, had given

maximum and still more, the only

proper motive of taxation was to provide

the necessary revenue for the wants of the government; and that every man was bound to contribute his just share.

After giving other purposes was most and indefensible. The Democratic party was in

favor of a revision and reduction of the tariff and would carry it out unless thwarted in its purpose by the action of the Democratic party (by legal interests) with Re-

publicans who favored high rates.

He declared himself opposed to the re-

peal of the internal revenue system. He was in favor of a tax on tobacco, on whisky, beer, and tobacco in order to re-

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